

PENNSYLVANIA LESBIAN/GAY SUPPORT NETWORK
Southeast Pennsylvania Region
326 Kater St.
Phila., Pa. 19147

Dear Friends;

The Southeast Region of the Pennsylvania Lesbian/Gay Support Network will hold an open meeting on Saturday February 3, at 2PM, at the Gay Community Center, 326 Kater St. We especially encourage groups and individuals who are unable to attend the monthly meetings (in Harrisburg) of the Network to use this opportunity to participate in the work of the only statewide Lesbian/Gay organization. Three topics will be considered at this meeting.

I ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE IN THE LESBIAN/GAY COMMUNITY

Alcohol and drug abuse may well be the most serious mental and physical health problem in our community. The Network, in concert with the Pennsylvania Council For Sexual Minorities, has made this a priority program. Rose Weber, of the Council, will be the featured speaker and will lead discussion concerning the following:

1. Gathering a comprehensive list of existing resources
2. Collection of research material and data
3. Community education on alcoholism and sensitivity to the needs of the alcoholic
4. Identification of existing services (treatment facilities, literature, counseling) which are not presently providing assistance sensitive to the needs of the Lesbian/Gay community
5. Establishing a working relationship with the Pa. Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse

II PRIDE '79

Following the success of last year's statewide conference, the Network is sponsoring the second annual State Lesbian/Gay convention. It will be held in October at the Pittsburgh Holiday Inn. We are seeking suggestions for the following:

1. a possible focus for the conference
2. specific issues with which we might deal
3. types of workshops we might run
4. guest speakers, entertainment, and other activities

III STATE NETWORK PROJECTS

The Network is presently engaged in three ongoing activities: alcohol and drug abuse, planning Pride '79, and coordinating the exchange of information and resources amongst the six Lesbian/Gay switchboards in the State. There is more we would like to do in the areas of inter-group communication, political action, and support of new or forming groups. The Network needs ideas on implementing these activities and wants suggestions for other projects. Our commitments are only limited by the willingness of people to commit themselves.

We hope you will pass along this information to members of your organization and to your friends. If you want further information, please contact:

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ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE TASK FORCE

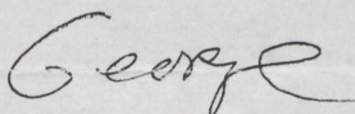
Dear Friends;

The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Task Force is a group of individuals who have a commitment to dealing with the problem of alcohol and drug abuse in the Lesbian/Gay community. The Task Force works in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Lesbian/Gay Support Network and the Pennsylvania Council for Sexual Minorities. Similar task forces have been established in Pittsburgh, State College, Allentown and Harrisburg.

The Task Force will next meet on Saturday April 7th, 2 PM, at the Gay Community Center, 326 Kater St. The following matters will be considered at this meeting:

1. Preparation of a resource list of alcohol and drug abuse services which are attuned to the needs of the Lesbian/Gay community.
2. A report on a meeting of the Pennsylvania Council for Sexual Minorities and the Pennsylvania Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse.
3. Discussion of a plan for an educational program, oriented to our own community, on alcoholism and the need for sensitivity, amongst non-alcoholics, towards those with drinking problems.

We hope you will be able to attend this meeting, and that you will pass this information along to others who might be interested.



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PA. LESBIAN/GAY SUPPORT NETWORK

INVITES YOUR PARTICAPATION IN ITS NORTH-
EAST REGIONAL MEETING CONCERNED WITH:

1. collecting data on alcohole + drug abuse in lesbian/gay comm.
2. regional concerns in planning "PRIDE '79", 2nd annual state conf.
3. regional participation in the Network, itself

on
MARCH
10th
at
1:00 p.m.
(Sat.)

at the

UNITARIAN
CHURCH
of the
LEHIGH
VALLEY

